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1. INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM RICARDO ZUNIGA INDICATES THAT REMOVAL OF LOPEZ PLANNED BY LT. COLONEL'S GROUP FOR APRIL 24, BUT THAT IT MIGHT TAKE PLACE SOONER.

2. STORY AS PRESENTED IN REFTEL IS WITHOUT FOUNDATION, TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, AND MAY REFLECT ENRIQUE LOPEZ BALBOA'S POINT OF VIEW. UNDERSTANDABLY HE IS WORRIED ABOUT HIMSELF AND FUTURE OF COMPANY.

3. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT STORY IS WILDLY EXAGGERATED AS IT TOUCHES UPON ASSASSINATIONS AND IMMEDIATE CONFISCATION OF UB PROPERTIES IN HONDURAS. CHANGE-OVER, IF IT COMES, IS EXPECTED TO BE NON-VIOLENT. LOPEZ BALBOA NOW IN LA LIMA WHERE, ACCORDING TO LACOMBE, MEASURES HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO PROTECT PERSONNEL AND PROPERTY.
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